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There is yet another class of intermediaries in this State, viz., the lessees of leasehold villages. There are only about 11 leasehold villages. The leases in respect of two of them are for 99 years, expiring in 1994 and 1999. The other nine villages have been leased permanently. The present Bill seeks to abolish the leasehold tenure in these 11 villages and also in other leaseholds, if any, which may be brought to the notice of the Government.

The provisions of the Bill generally follow those in Madras Act XXVI of 1948, except in regard to compensation. The provisions relating to compensation have been briefly explained in the Statement of Objects and Reasons attached to the Bill. With these words, I commend this motion for the acceptance of the House.

The motion was put and carried.

DEPUTY SPEAER : Under Rule 99 (1) of the Assembly Rules, I nominate the Hon. Sri M. A. Manickavelu as Chairman of the Committee.

IV.—ANNOUNCEMENTS—*cont.*

(3) THE MADRAS IRRUVARAM INAM ESTATES (ABOLITION AND CONVERSION INTO RYOTWARI) BILL, 1961.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I have to announce that the Governor has given his recommendation for the consideration in the Legislative Assembly of the Madras Iruvaram Inam Estates (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari) Bill, 1961.

III.—GOVERNMENT BILLS—*cont.*

(7) THE MADRAS IRUVARAM INAM ESTATES (ABOLITION AND CONVERSION INTO RYOTWARI) BILL, 1961 (L.A. BILL NO. 50 OF 1961).

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I beg to move—

'That the Madras Iruvaram Inam Estates (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari) Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 50 of 1961) be referred to a Select Committee consisting of—

(1) The Hon. Sri M. A. Manickavelu.
(2) The Hon. Sri M. Bhakthavatsalam.
(3) Sri P. G. Karuthiruman.
(4) Sri R. Srinivasa Iyer.
(5) Sri V. Sankaran.
(6) Sri K. S. Ardhanareeswara Gounder.
(7) Sri G. Annamalai Muthuraja.
(8) Srimathi Kamalambujammal.
(9) Sri P. Ramachandran.

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(10) Sri K. Ponnian.
(11) Srimathi A. S. Ponnammal.
(12) Sri V. Arunachala Thevar.
(13) Sri T. T. Daniel.
(14) Sri T. Sampath.
(15) Sri K. R. Viswanathan.
(16) Sri S. Ramakrishna Thevar.
(17) Sri V. K. Ramaswamy Mudaliyar.
(18) Sri K. Ramachandran.
(19) Sri S. Ramaswami Thevar.
(20) Sri A. V. P. Periavalaguruva Reddiar.
(21) Sri P. S. Santhanam.
(22) Sri A. Govindasamy.
(23) Sri N. K. Palanisami.
(24) Sri P. S. Chinnadurai.

The estates falling under Section 3 (2) of the Madras Estates Land Act, 1908, comprise zamindari estates, undertenure estates and whole inam villages. Whole inam villages are of two categories, viz., inam villages in which the grant was of the melvaram alone and inam villages the grant of which consists of both the melvaram and kudivaram. The latter category of inam villages are also called "1936 inam villages", as these villages become estates by virtue of the Madras Estates Land (Third Amendment) Act, 1936. In pursuance of the policy of abolition of all intermediates between the Government and the actual cultivators, the zamindary and undertenure estates and the whole inam villages in which the grant was of the melvaram alone have already been abolished and converted into ryotwari, under the Madras Estates (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari) Act, 1948. The present Bill seeks to abolish and convert into ryotwari the remaining whole inam villages the grant of which consists of both the melvaram and kudivaram.

The provisions of the Bill generally follow those in Madras Act XXVI of 1948 relating to whole inam villages in which the grant was of the melvaram alone. The only important deviation is in regard to compensation. The provisions relating to compensation have been briefly explained in the statement of objects and reason attached to the Bill. I commend this motion for the acceptance of the House.

The motion was put and carried.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Under rule 99 (1) of the Assembly Rules, I nominate the Hon. Sri M. A. Manickavelu as the Chairman of the Committee.